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SUBJ: MEDIA REACTION AMBASSADOR'S HALIFAX SPEECH

1. CBC NATIONAL TELEVISION AND RADIO NEWSCASTS GAVE  
GOOD COVERAGE TO AMBASSADOR'S SPEECH ON DEFENSE MATTERS.  
EMPHASIS WAS PLACED ON HOPE THAT CANADA WOULD  
SUBSTANTIALLY INCREASE ITS NONCAPITAL AS WELL AS  
CAPITAL DEFENSE EXPENDITURES, AND ON THE GROWING  
SOVIET MILITARY THREAT TO THE NATO ALLIES.

2. THE CANADIAN PRESS WIRE SERVICE ALSO COVERED THESE  
SAME POINTS AND ADDED A NOTE THAT THE AMBASSADOR HAD  
DECLINED TO COMMENT ON THE QUEBEC ELECTION. THE CP  
REPORT WAS PICKED UP BY STATIONS AND PAPERS IN VARIOUS  
PARTS OF THE COUNTRY. THE UPI WIRSERVICE REPORTED  
ON THE SPEECH, AS WELL, AGAIN EMPHASIZING  
THE NEED FOR GREATER MILITARY EXPENDITURES AND  
THE EXPANDING SOVIET MILITARY CAPABILITIES.

3. COMMENT: THE AMBASSADOR'S DEFENSE SPEECH  
COINCIDED WITH THE NATO MINISTERIAL IN BRUSSELS. HIS  
WARNINGS ABOUT EXPANDING SOVIET MILITARY STRENGTH AND  
HIS CALL FOR CONTINUED NATO VIGILANCE AND FOR INCREASED  
MILITARY EXPENDITURES IN NATO COUNTRIES DOVETAILED  
NICELY WITH CANADIAN MEDIA COVERAGE OF DEVELOPMENTS  
IN BRUSSELS.

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